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CRANE, *Grus cinerea*. (Bechst.)  
One third of the Natural Size - rare visitant.









GREAT WHITE HERON.

*Ardea alba.* (*Linn.*)

Three eights of the Natural Size.









# HERON.

*Ardea Cinerea; (Lath.)*

Length 40 inches. Food fish and small reptiles. Indigenous, frequenting marshy country, near rivers, congregates in large numbers during the breeding season, when they build their nest of sticks, lined with wool, in the highest trees. Eggs 4 or 5. Female nearly resembles the male.









HERON.

*Ardea Cinerea.* (Lath)

One third of the Natural size. — Indigenous. — Food, Fish, & Reptiles. — Eggs 4 or 5.









PURPLE HERON.

*Ardea Purpurea*; (Linn.).

*Adult and Young.*

Length 36 inches from bill to tail. Food, fish, reptiles, young birds etc. rare, occasional visitant from warmer climates where it breeds. It is found in reedy marshes and copsewood. Eggs 3 deposited on the ground.









LITTLE EGRET.

*Ardea Garzetta, (Linn.)*

Length about 23 inches. Very rare visitant. Food small reptiles and aquatic insects. Breeds in marshes. Eggs 4 or 5.









BUFF-BACKED HERON.

*Ardea russata.* (Wagler.)

Half the Natural Size—rare visitant.









SQUACCO HERON.

*Ardea Ralloides.*

About two thirds of the Natural Size. Accidental Visitant. Food small fish and aquatic insects.









BITTERN: *Botaurus stellaris*: (*Stephens*) Length about 2 feet & a half It is indigenous, inhabiting swampy moors & unfrequented reedy marshes. Its nest is composed of reeds & other coarse herbage eggs 4 or 5. Food reptiles, fish, small animals, young birds & insects









AMERICAN BITTERN.  
*Bataurus lentiginosus*, (Steph.)  
Half the Natural Size.—rare visitant.









LITTLE BITTERN.

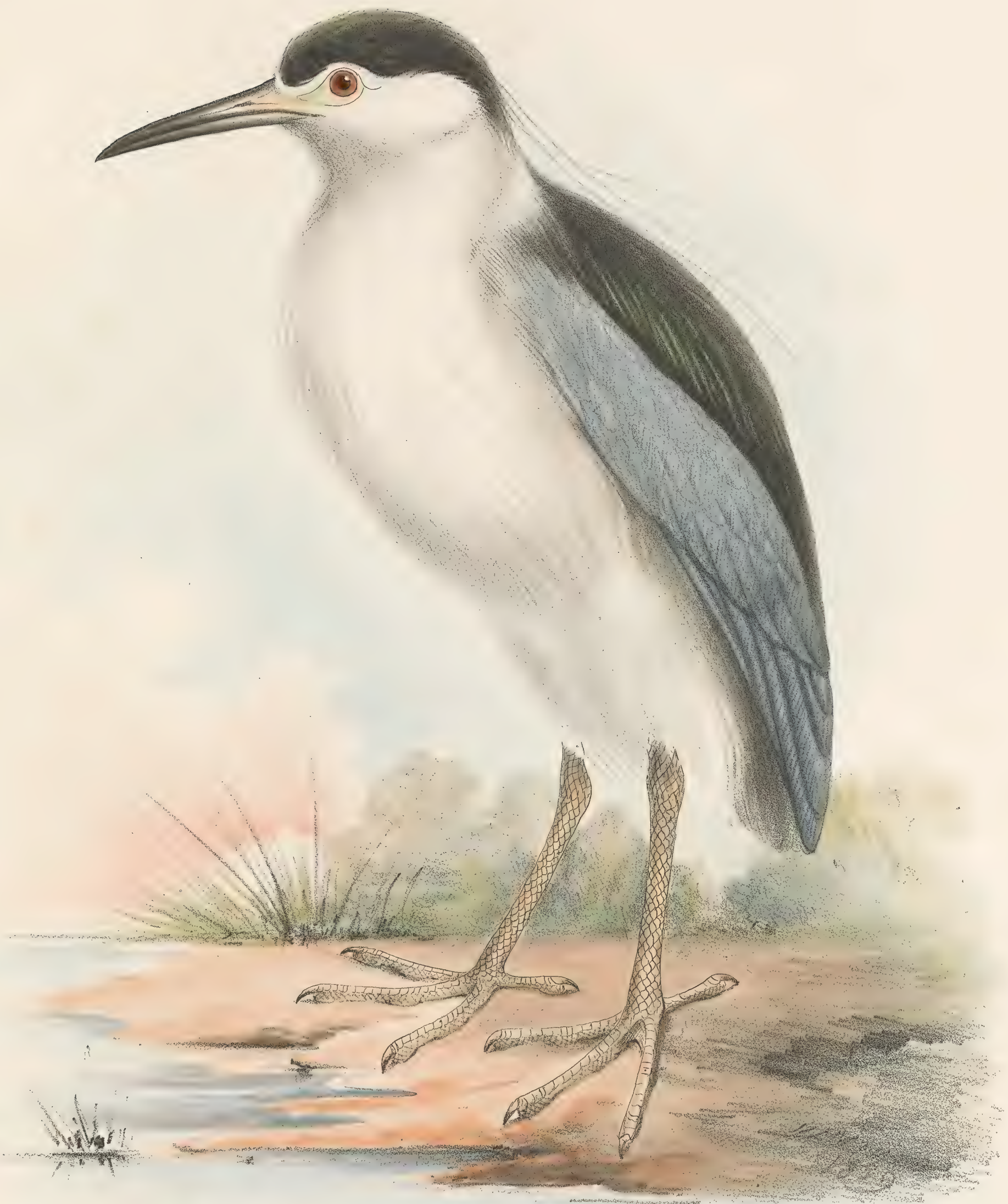
*Ardea minuta*, (Linn.)

Four fifths of the natural size. Indigenous but rare. Food reptiles, fish etc. Nest composed of leaves and rushes, placed by the water side. Eggs 5 or 6









NIGHT HERON.

*Ardea Nycticorax*, (Linn.)

Length 21 inches. Very rare occasional visitant. Food fish and reptiles. Eggs 3 or 4.









STORK: *Ciconia alba*, (*Bellon*). Length from point of the bill to the end of the tail 3 feet 6 inches. Food small birds, frogs, eels, etc. Periodical visitant but rare, arriving in spring and departing in autumn. Frequents flat and marshy places. Nest built on the top of chimneys or high places, consisting of sticks and roots. Eggs 3 to 5.









BLACK STORK.  
*Ciconia nigra*, (Ray).

Length 3 ft. 3 in. Rare occasional visitant. Food reptiles and fish. Eggs 2 or 3.









SPOONBILL.  
*Platalea Leucorodia.*

One third of the Natural Size. Occasional Visitant. Food, small fish and aquatic insects. Locality banks of rivers near the sea coast.









GLOSSY IBIS.

Ibis Falcinellus. (*Temm.*)

Half the Natural Size. occasional visitant.  
Food, insects & aquatic plants.









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CURLEW.

*Numenius arquata, (Latham).*

Length about 2 feet. Food small shell fish, marine insects and worms. Frequents in winter the coast, and is found to breed. Eggs 4 or 5 deposited amongst heath and long grass, the female is more incubated. Colour than the male.











WHIMPEY CURLEW.

*Phaeopus*. (Linn.)

Three-fourth of the Natural Size. — Food, Worms.









SPOTTED REDSHANK.

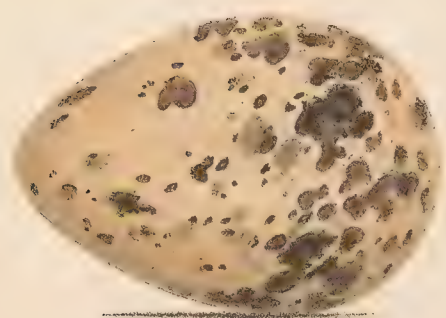
*Totanus fuscus.* (Laisl)

Natural size, Male in Summer plumage and Female.









REDSHANK SANDPIPER.

*Totanus Calidris. (Bechs.)*

Natural Size. Indigenous. Food, worms & insects. Eggs 4.









GREEN SANDPIPER.

*Totanus ochropus* (Tenn.)  
Natural size — occasional visitant









WOOD SANDPIPER.

*Totanus glareola*; (Linn.)

*From a Specimen shot near Esher, Surrey, in May 1836.*

Natural size. Found in many of the warmer parts of the Continent; but is a very rare and accidental visitant in Britain on its passage to or from the Arctic regions, where it is supposed to breed. Food insects and worms. Locality moist woods.









SANDPIPER.

*Totanus hypoleucus*; (Temminck).

Length 7½ inches, weight about 2 oz. Food insects, for which it frequents the pebbly margins of rivers or lakes. Eggs 4 or 5, either deposited among the stones or in a slight nest upon the grass. Migratory, arriving in Spring departing Autumn.





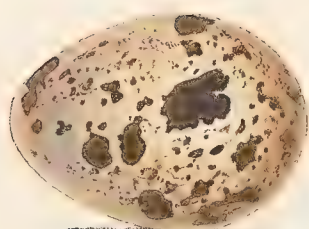




SPOTTED SANDPIPER.

*Totanus macularia*, (Muhl.).

Natural size. Rare occasional visitant.











GREENSHANK.

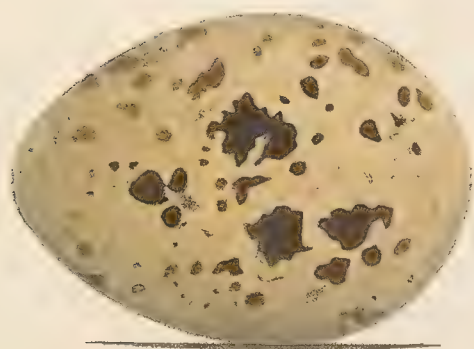
*Totanus glottis.* (Bechst.)

Periodical visitant — food small fish, worms, etc.









AVOCET.  
*Recurvirostra Avocetta*; (*Linn.*)

Three fourths of the Natural Size. Indigenous Food worms and marine insects. Breed in the marshes near the Sea.









BLACK-TAILED GODWIT.

*Adult in Summer & Winter Plumage.*

*Limosa melanura, (Leisl.)*

About half the natural size. Winter visitant. Food insects, worms and grain. Eggs 4, deposited on the ground.









BAR-TAILED GODWIT.

*Limosa Rufa. (Briss)*

*Summer & Winter plumage.*

Half the Natural Size. — Periodical

Visitant. — Food, worms, etc.









BROWN SNIFE.  
*Scolopax grisea.* (Gmel.)  
(Summer & Winter plumage.)

Natural Size. — rare visitant. — Food,  
small marine shell fish.









WOODCOCK.  
*Scolopax rusnicola, Linn.*

Length 15 inches Weight 12 to 15 oz. Males arrive in October depart April, some few however remain in England during the summer & their eggs have been taken in June Locality woods Food insects & worms Eggs 3 or 4 placed on the ground.









SOLITARY SNIPE.

*Scolopax major; (Gmel.)*

About three fourths of the Natural Size. Occasional visitant. Food worms and insects. Eggs 4 deposited on the ground.









SABINE'S SNIPE.

*Scolopax Sabini.* (*Vig.*)

Natural Size. a very rare species.









SNIFE.

*Scolopax Gallinago, (Linn.)*

Length nearly 12 inches. Food worms & aquatic insects. Indigenous, but changing its abode according to the season, retiring northward in the Spring to breed, & returning to the Southern parts in winter. Locality marshes & swampy fields. Egg 4 or 5, deposited on the ground either among high grass or beside a tuft of heather. Female resembles the male but is somewhat larger.

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JACK SNIPE.

*Scolopax Gallinula, (Linn.)*

Natural Size. Food worms and water insects. Winter visitant. Eggs 4 or 5.







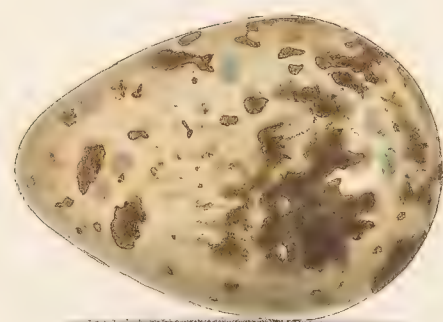


RUFF.

N<sup>o</sup> 1. Male in Spring Plumage.

2. Female.

*Machetes Pugnax*, (Cuvier).



Three fourths of the Natural Size. Periodical Visitant. Food worms and aquatic insects. Nest placed among long grafs and water-plants formed of coarse grafses etc. Eggs 4.









KNOT.

(Male in Summer plumage.)

*Tringa Canutus.* (Linn.)

Nearly the Natural Size.—Periodical  
visitant. Food, small shell fish.









BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER.

*Tringa rufescens.* (Vieill.)

Natural Size. very rare.







TEMMINCK'S STINT.  
*Tringa Temminckii*, (Leisl.).  
 N<sup>o</sup> 1. Adult in Winter Plumage.  
 2. Young of the Year.

Habits. — The constant Food insects and worms. Nest and eggs unknown.

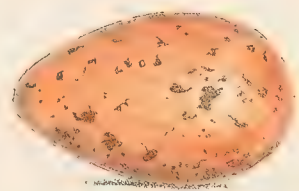






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LITTLE STINT.  
*Tringa minuta*; (Leisler).  
 N<sup>o</sup> 1. Adult in Summer.  
 2. . . . in Winter.









PURPLE SANDPIPER.

*Tringa maritima*, (Brunn.)

*Adult Male in Winter Plumage.*

Natural Size. Food marine insects and small shell fish. Winter visitant, sometimes remaining to breed in the Fern Islands.



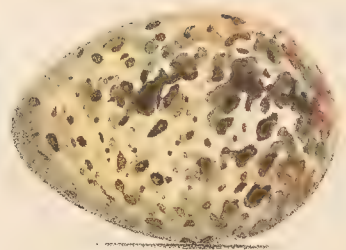




DUNLIN.

*Tringa variabilis. (Meyer.)*  
*Summer & Winter plumage.*

Natural Size. Periodical Visitor.  
 Food, worms & insects. Eggs. 4.









PECTORAL SANDPIPER.

*Tringa pectoralis* (Bon.)

Natural Size.







CURLEW TRINGA.  
*Tringa subarquata*, (Temm.)  
 N<sup>o</sup> 1. Adult in Summer.  
 2. Young in Winter.

Natural Size. Rare visitant. Food, worms and insects.







SCHINTZ SANDPIPER.

*Tringa Schintzii.*

Natural Size.

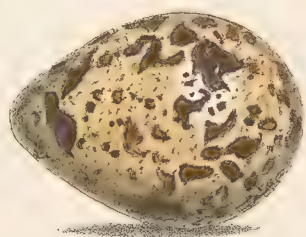






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PHALAROPE.  
*Phalaropus lobatus*, (Flem.)  
 (Grey, Winter Plumage).  
 (Red, Summer D<sup>o</sup> ).



Length 8 inches. Food marine insects. Locality the sea, large rivers & lakes. Abundant in the Arctic regions. (For more occurrence see page 10.)





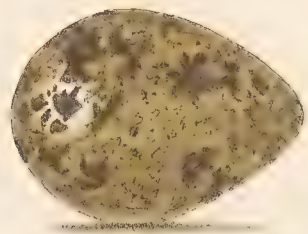


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RED-NECKED PHALAROPE.

*Phalaropus Hyperboreus, (Lath.)*

Length 7½ inch. Food winged and aquatic insects and worms. Found in the Northern Scottish Islands during the Summer months where they rear their young on the margins of fresh-water lakes; migrate in winter to the shores of the Baltic and other northern parts of Europe. Eggs 3 or 4, deposited among the grafs. Rare visitant in England.

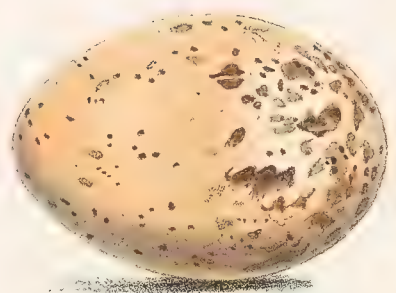








WATER RAIL; *Rallus aquaticus*: (Linn.) Length about 12 inches, weight  $4\frac{1}{2}$  ounces. It is indigenous & not rare, but concealing itself so effectually amongst the reeds & aquatic plants in the marshes & pools where it resides that it is seldom seen. Its food is worms & slugs, insects & small shell-fish. Nest of sedge & coarse grass: eggs from 8 to 12.









LAND RAIL. *Oryzomera crex*, (Hemming). Length  $9\frac{1}{2}$  inches. Weight 6 to 8 oz., resides among high grasses on corn, where it breeds, making a nest of a few dried plants. Eggs from 10 to 14. Sheds worms and seeds are its food. Migratory, arriving in April departing in October.



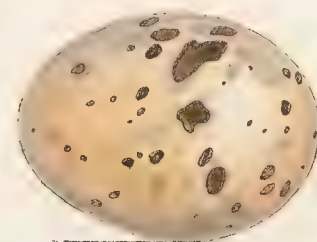






SPOTTED CRAKE .

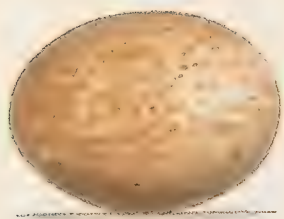
*Crex Porzana, (Bechst.)*



About three fourths of the Natural Size. Periodical visitant. Food insects and seeds. Nest placed on the ground among sedges. Eggs 8 or 10. Male and Female nearly alike.







BAILLON'S CRAKE.

*Crex Baillonii.* (*Selby.*)

Natural Size. — rare Visitant.

Food, Insects. — Eggs, 8 or 10.







OLIVACEOUS CRAKE.

*Crex pusilla.* (Selby.)  
(Immature.)

Natural Size, rare visitant. Food, worms & insect.







MOOR-HEN: *Gallinula chloropus*, (*Latham*). Length 14 inches. Weight 14 to 16 ounces. Indigenous frequents ponds & slow rivers which abound with weeds, where it can be concealed. Nest built of flags or rushes, near the surface of the water on the branch of a tree or an old willow stump. Eggs 9 or 10. Food aquatic worms or insects.







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THE COOT.

*Fulica atra.* (*Linn.*)

Two thirds of the Natural Size. Indigenous.

Food, worms, slugs etc. Eggs, 8 or 10.









OYSTER CATCHER.  
*Haematopus ostralegus*, (Linn.)

Half the Natural Size. Indigenous. Food marine insects and shell fish. Eggs 4. deposited on the bare ground.







TURNSTONE.

*Streptopelia interpres* (Leach.)

Length about 9 inches. — Periodical Visitant. —

Food, Marine Insects. — Eggs 4.







SANDERLING.  
(Summer & Winter plumage.)  
*Arenaria Calidris.* (Meyer.)

Natural Size.—Periodical visitant.  
Food, marine insects.







COLLARED PRATINCOLE.

*Glareola torquata*, (Leach).

Three fourths of the Natural Size. Rare visitant. Food aquatic insects, flies, worms etc. Locality marshes, banks of rivers and lakes, where it breeds upon the ground. Eggs 3 or 4.







CREAM COLOURED COURSER.  
*Cursorius Isabellinus*, (*Meyer*).

Three fourths of the Natural Size Very rare occasional visitant.



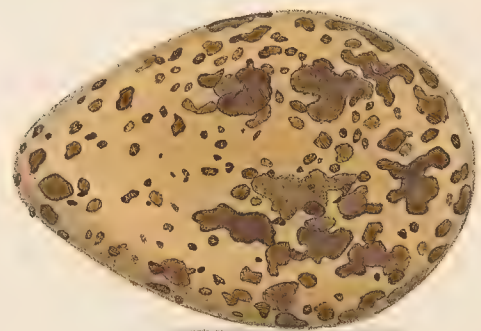




CRESTED LAPWING.

*Vanellus cristatus.* (*Meyer.*)

Three fourths of the Natural Size.  
Indigenous. Food, worms, etc. Eggs, 4.









GREY PLOVER.

(Summer plumage.)

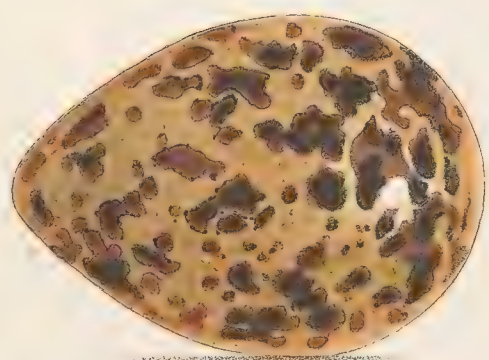
*Squatarola cinerea.* (Cuv.)

Four fifths of the Natural Size.

Indigenous. Food, worms & insects.







GOLDEN PLOVER.  
*Charadrius pluvialis*: (Linn.)  
 About three fourths of the Natural Size  
 Indigenous.—Food, Worms, etc.—Eggs 4.





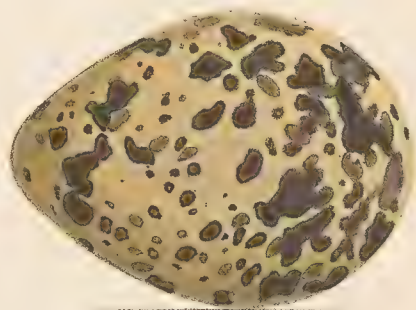


DOTTEREL.

*Charadrius Morinellus.* (Linn.)

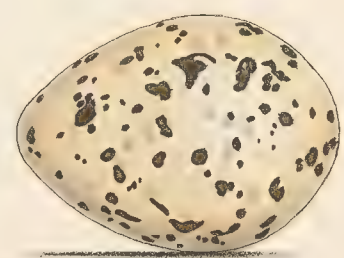
Natural Size—Periodical Visitant.

Food, worms, slugs &c.









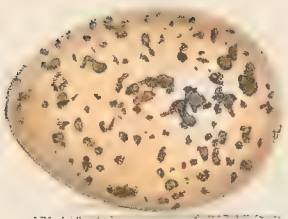
RING DOTTEREL.

*Charadrius Hiaticula, (Linn.)*

Natural Size. Indigenous. Food insects and worms. Eggs 4 deposited on the sandy beach.







LITTLE RING DOTTEREL.

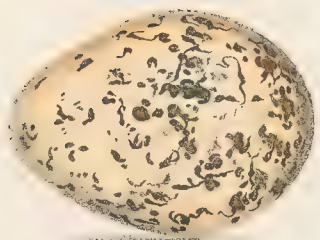
*Charadrius minor.* (Meyer)

Natural size. accidental Visitant.

Feed aquatic insects, on Eggs, &c.







KENTISH PLOVER.

(adult & young.)

*Charadrius Cantianus.* (Lath.)

Natural Size. Summer Visitant. Food,  
small marine shell fish, worms etc. Eggs, 4.





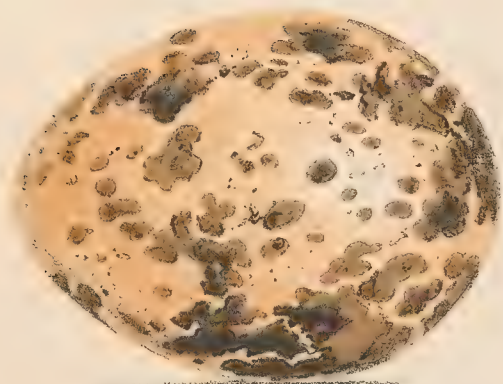


BLACK-WINGED STILT.  
*Himantopus melanopterus*. (Meyer)

Two thirds of the Natural Size.—Occasional Visitor.—Food, aquatic insects & spawn of reptiles.







COMMON THICK-KNEE.  
*Edicnemus Crepitans.* (Temm.)

Half the Natural Size. — Periodical Visitant.  
 Food, reptiles worms etc. Eggs 4.







GREY-LAG WILD GOOSE.

*Anser palustris. (Flem.)*

One third of the Natural Size.— Periodical Visitant.

Food, grain etc.— Eggs, 6 to 12.







BEAN GOOSE.

*Anser feras.* (*Flem.*)

One third of the Natural Size..Periodical Visitor:  
Food, grain & young wheat.—Eggs, 8 to 12.







ORANGE LEGGED BEAN GOOSE.

*Anser ferus. (Flem.)*

One third of the natural size Periodical visitant.







WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE.

*Anser albifrons. (Steph.)*

One third of the natural size. Winter Visitant.  
Feeds on grain, etc.







BARNACLE GOOSE.  
*Anser Bernicla. (Flem.)*

One third of the Natural Size.—Periodical  
Visitant.—Food, sea grass, weeds, etc.







BRENT GOOSE.

*Anser brenta.* (Flem.)

One third of the Natural Size.  
winter visitant... Eggs from 8 to 10.









RED-BREASTED GOOSE.

*Anser ruficollis.* (*Pall.*)

One third of the Natural Size. rare winter.  
visitant. — Food, vegetable productions.



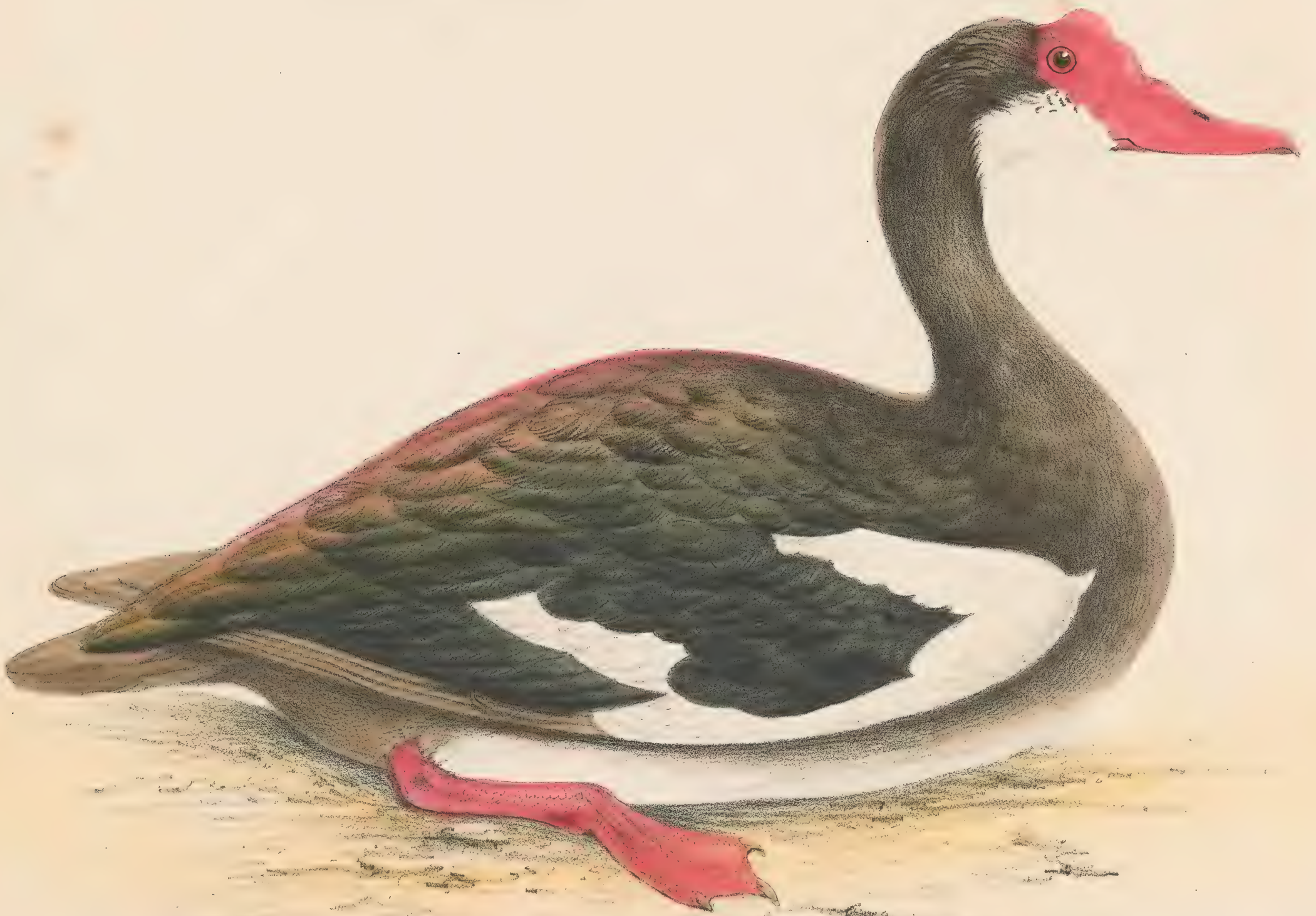




CRAVAT GOOSE.  
*Anas canadensis.* (Linn.)  
one third of the Natural Size.







SPUR-WINGED GOOSE.

*Anser Gambensis.* (Briss.)

About one third of the Natural size. — rare.







SWAN GOOSE.

*Anas Cygnoides (Linn.)*

One fourth of the Natural Size.  
Domesticated, Food, Grain & Vegetables.







CREAM COLOURED GOOSE .

Length 27 inches. — weight 6 lbs.

Shot 11<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1841, at Shepperton, Middlesex







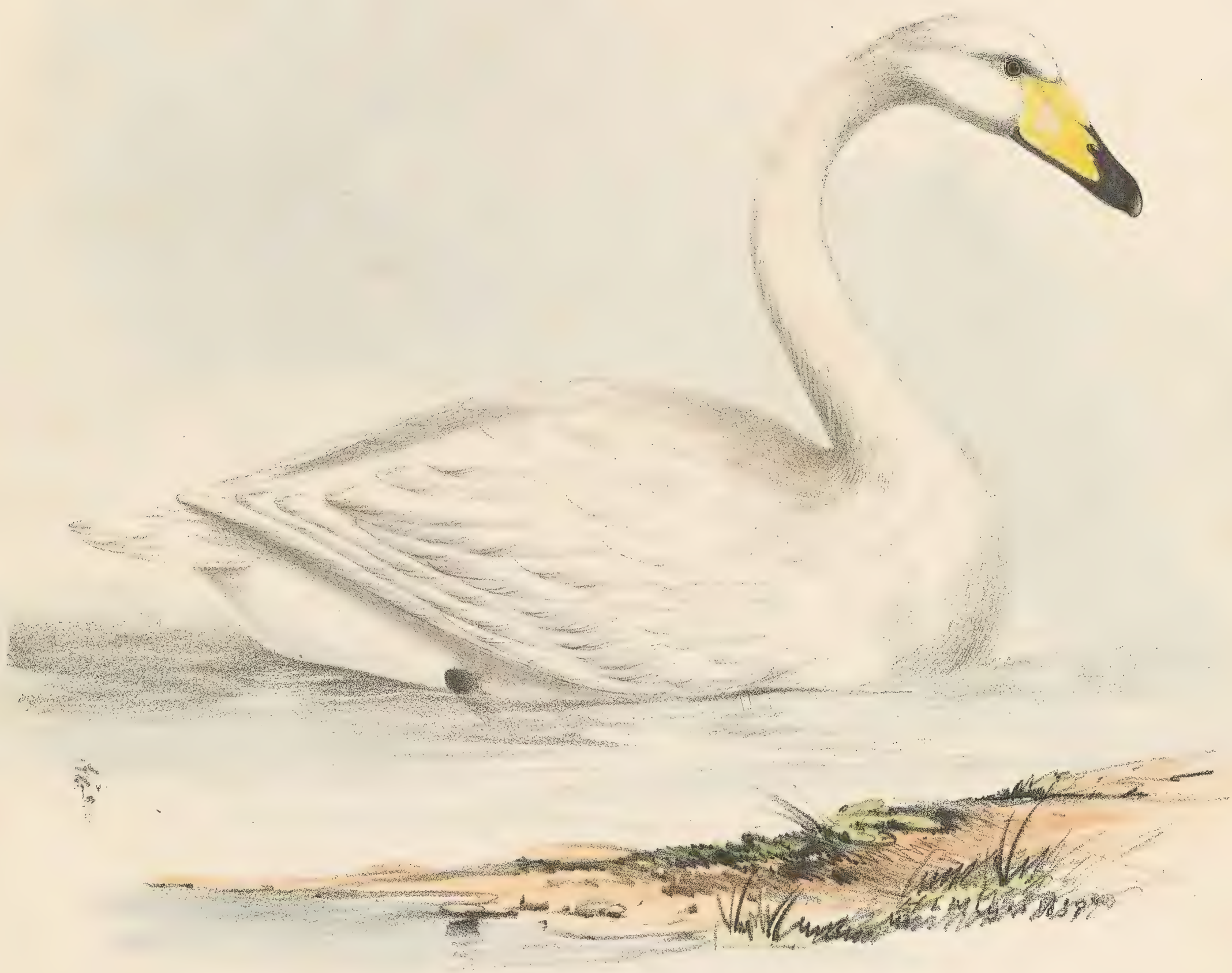
EGYPTIAN GOOSE . .

*Anser Ægyptiacus.*

One third of the natural size—occasional Visitant .







WHISTLING SWAN.

*Cygnus ferus*, (Ray.)

Length about 5 feet. Periodical Winter Visitant. Food roots and stems of aquatic plants and small fish. Eggs 5 to 7.







MUTE SWAN.

*Adult Male.*

*Cygnus olor, (Steph.)*

Length about 6 feet. Indigenous. Food aquatic plants, insects and small fish. Nest composed of rushes etc placed by the water-side. Eggs 6 to 8.









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